

## Joan Fisk's Talking Points for "Meeting Objectives"

- Thanks to all who helped put this forum together, including the OERR Sediment Team and its Advisory Committee.
- It is obvious that we have met one of the meeting most important objectives - at least partially, already - getting you all here ready and eager to work together and probably speak your minds! We planned for 250-300 and have about 400.
- We were overwhelmed with the response to our call for abstracts - and are sorry that they could not all be platform presentations. However, you will have an opportunity to view about 20 wonderful poster sessions this evening immediately following the main session during our reception.
- On our web site and program, we have told you that this is intended to be a forum for exchange of information and viewpoints on contaminated sediment remediation. The way we are providing to do this is by offering a panel of experts in several different subject areas - often with very different positions - and often with very strong feelings!, in the areas of Community Involvement, Effects on Human Health and Ecological Resources, Site Characterization, Remedy Effectiveness: Comparison of Remediation Technology and Remedy Effectiveness: Evaluating Long Term Effectiveness, and lastly, Risk Management Frameworks. Each session will be followed by audience response - questions and comments.
- Hopefully, throughout the panels of chosen format will enable us to meet our objectives to
  - obtain your input on our program guidance and principles
  - identify key information needed for characterizing contaminated sediment sites and ensuring good remedial decisions
  - determine issues to be resolved, additional data to be collected, and research needs
  - share information and lessons learned from real life experiences managing contaminated sediment.
  - I want to emphasize here that this meeting is not one for establishing policy, but rather for us to listen hard and long to help us for future policy and guidance development.
- I am adding a new one - Make new friends and think about finding a way to work together for what is the common goal of everyone here and what I see as ***making the right decisions about remediation of contaminated sediment sites, on a site by site basis, making those decisions with the right balance of stakeholders priorities being considered and following through to assure they continue to be the right decisions.***
- Prior to our panels, we are offering you a "What's New with Sediments" session.
- We do intend to put all of the talks on the Internet in the near future.